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News of the Day.

Gen. Bragg has taken the oath of allegiance.

The Boston Post says Alex. H. Stephens was entertained after his release in that city at a private dinner, and said he would support President Johnson's reconstruction policy to the full extent of his ability.

The bodies of three of the persons, a woman and two young girls, killed by the railroad accident near Louisville, Pa., on Saturday, have not yet been recognized or claimed.

The news of the Georgia election for members of the State Convention, is that in the Southwestern part of the State the unconditional Union candidates were nearly all elected by large majorities.

The Episcopal church in Alabama still continues closed, under the order of Gen. Woods.

Governor Wells, of Louisiana, has accepted the gubernatorial nomination tendered him by the Democratic Convention of that State.

Miss Harriet Lane, niece of ex-President Buchanan, will be married shortly to Henry E. Johnson, a wealthy banker of Baltimore. Johnson was one of the political martyrs of Fort Warren, in the early part of the war, for running the blockade to Richmond.

The recent Gulf storm resulted in great loss of life and property. Only one man, of twenty-five souls, was saved at Calais Pass, and every house except one was carried away. The water rose twenty feet above the surface of the ground, and the houses were swept away at Sabine town, and sixty-one persons were drowned. One citizen of Grand Cane lost six hundred head of cattle. Generally everything red, white and blue was swept away. Texas also suffered immense loss throughout the country lying between Sabine Pass and Brazos.

The Commissioner of Agriculture has received from Illinois a specimen of loaf sugar, made from beets, which beets that made from sugar beets, and which is crystallized. It is claimed that this quality of sugar can be made of beets at less cost than from cane, but, of course, the man who makes sugar is an ass.

According to the statement of the Memphis Bulletin that city must be a live place for lawyers. It says there are over 1,000 cases on the criminal docket, and 4,499 on the docket of the Common Law and Chancery Court. There is but one judge for each court, and the Bulletin urges that the number should be increased, in order that the docket may be cleared during the life of the present generation.

In the Episcopal Convention yesterday resolutions were passed expressing regret to God that the authority of the Government had been established over the whole country, and rejecting at the prospect that the church would be united in the United States. Those elected a warm discussion.

Inductees are being held out for emigrants to Mexico under the auspices of the Imperial Government. It is stated agents with this view are being sent to the different points in this country. We are inclined to think American emigrants would prove bad subjects of his Imperial Majesty.

The steamer Brilliant burnt on the Mississippi, near Madrid, Mo., on Monday.

Condition of Freedmen in Kentucky and Tennessee.

General Fisk, in his report on the condition of the freedmen in Kentucky and Tennessee, says:

Subsequent to my last general report I have visited many important points in the district, and brought the good intentions of the bureau to the knowledge of thousands of people, while many have been brought before me by the press of their own existence and objects. I am pleased to report continued improvement in the workings of the bureau, and an earnest desire on the part of a majority of the people that our agencies should be extended.

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THE MEANING OF CONSERVATIVE CLEMENCY.

Anybody with half an eye should be able to discern the purpose of the steadily copperhead element in its importunate appeals to what it miscalls Christian charity and forgiveness. They are simply a solid and productive alliance with the old secession leaders. Under the sanctimonious guise of leniency and good-will to men whose desperate crimes have miscarried and brought the perpetrators into limbo and misfortune, these tricksters are playing as sordid and reckless a political game as ever demagogue conceived. We speak here more particularly of those who have been for some time assuming the title of conservative Unionists, and the attitude of apparent opposition to the more bold and manly democracy.

The latter faction is to be characterized as "stealthily," whatever other opprobrious adjectives may properly attach to it. Its lightness of touch is not to be hidden under a bushel. Its cantancy and malignant opposition to the Government have been too visible and obtrusive. But the other half, the more supple, pliable and persuasive part of the opposition, whose kindness is sowing, whose conservatism and prudence were such an aspect of gray entreaty, and meekly gentle admonition, (except, indeed, whenever its attention is directed to the radicals, its capacity for unrestrained wrath and unscrupulous denunciation is sufficiently manifested then.) This political formation is pre-eminently cat-like in all its traits.

It very carefully avoided early in the season any avowal of the doctrine that treason should not be punished, and that leading traitors should be restored to political power. It shared with abated intensity, and with that serene moderation appropriate to conservatism, the surprise of the loyal public when Gen. Sherman's heavy armament with the rebel leaders whereby the rebel legislatures were recognized as legitimate organizations. It counseled mercy but conceded that justice should temper the same. It affected to be satisfied with President Johnson's amnesty proclamation including the clause of exceptions. It has been all the while specially diligent in setting forth the distinctions between the masses and the leaders of rebellion. The former have been represented as only misled; the latter as correspondingly guilty.

But meantime the applications for pardon from these excepted leaders commenced pouring in, and the stream grew in volume and velocity as it swept on. Our conservatives were needlessly prompt and eager to endorse every such application that they could hear of. This, that, and the other applicant they could assume the country and the President, were specially entitled to clemency. They were dragged into rebellion by stress of popular frenzy which demagogues had aroused for their own infernal purposes. They took a prominent part to be sure, but that was from high patriotic motive. They desired to get control of the storm so as to assuage its fury and to eventually guide the Confederate bark drifting before it, back into the haven of Union! Well the pardon epidemic has spread until it now embraces with actual or impending blessings, every prominent leader in the South.

A goodly number of the most determined, conscious and malignant rebels in the country have already received pardon, and the conservatives are delighted. But thoughtful people are beginning to inquire, who was to blame for the rebellion? Was it the body? Has any crime been committed in the case? Who are these ravenous demagogues whom conservatives have been glibly discoursing, who dragged so many unhappy patriots like these already pardoned leaders and the entire Southern population into sin and misery? Their present obscurity considering the stupendous power they so lately wielded, is the most extraordinary circumstance to be met with in the annals of all time!

If the reader will go to Masonic Temple and see Alf. Burnett walk behind the screen as a Dutchman and come out the very next second as that Dutchman's sweet-heart, he will discover the clue to the present lurking place of these demagogues. They have slipped behind the pardon-screen and dropped their traitor rags for as next to loyalty as "any other man" can exhibit.

The pleadings of conservatism for special pardons were first as we have indicated, based upon the fact of victimization of the applicant by wild leaders. Second--When one of these victimizers put in his petition, it was claimed for him that his penitence was peculiarly thorough and sincere; that he was high-toned; that his influence would be signally beneficial to those whom he had formerly misled. Third--After a sufficient number of these high-toned applicants had secured pardon to make a force of precedents, this force was seized upon and wielded with great industry. We are now told that there is neither fairness nor reason in keeping Jeff. Davis any longer in restraint after the release of so many others equally guilty with him, not only from all restraint, but from all influence of the law.

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Along with this view, of course goes the rapidly swelling cry of opposition to the act of Congress forbidding traitors to hold office under the General Government, and the approval of all those elections in the South which exhibit the greatest gains to the old secession party, and a growing habit of ignoring the claims of those brave, long-suffering Union heroes who withstood to the last the madness of surrounding treason. The plot is fully disclosed. Shall it triumph?

Letters from Richmond to Northern papers say that the defeat of Mr. Charles Palmer for the Virginia Senate is "one of the most deplorable signs" manifest in that region. We cannot view the matter in that light; we could not have expected Mr. P.'s election. He is a most excellent general man, living near Richmond, but his opinions have been strongly opposed to those of nearly the whole population around him. All through the war he was avowedly a Lincoln man--one of probably not more than a dozen in the whole of Virginia.

Well, if men of "high personal worth" cannot be expected to be elected in Virginia, because of their hitherto unflinching loyalty, how can sensible patriots be expected to believe in the present loyalty of their constituents?

The Government of the United States decided that slavery was a mortal enemy and decreed the death of the institution.

A Government decree couldn't have brought about the death of the institution without the war, and the war would have done it without any decree.

Pray tell us how. There were still several millions of slaves in the South when the war ended. And acknowledging the validity of the Government's decrees setting them free, was made the basis of amnesty to their rebel owners, or they would by slaves both in fact and in law, now.

You believe that the decrees and the war put together, have failed to destroy the institution in Kentucky, this far.

A city paper says that the Federal Government went to work to render slavery in Kentucky valueless. But how does the editor suppose that the Government could render valueless that which he contends was always worth less than nothing? Journal.

Our meaning was that the Government sought to render slavery valueless even in the eyes of people who are a little dill like yourself, and other infatuated devotees of the institution.

The last fair of the season will be held at the grounds near Georgetown, Kentucky, on next Thursday and Friday, Oct. 19th and 20th. It is promised to be a grand one. We understand that Lieut. D. W. Haley has been engaged as the teacher and leader of the Georgetown Cornet Band, and will be present on the occasion. We hope to hear of Haley back in our city.

Civil & Calvert have received recent invoices of Memorandums and Diaries--suitable to every taste--from the cheap Bank to the elegant and expensive Morocco requisite.

LOOK OUT FOR BARAGANS--The sale of the property of the Sanitary Commission, which was commenced yesterday, will be continued this morning at 10 o'clock, at the office on Fourth street, near Broadway, when a large quantity of office furniture will be sold, including a fine safe.

The Gambrinus Guard, of Brooklyn, is a company composed entirely of keepers of larger beer saloons. Their military service consists in going out once a year with a target. They employ a small boy to bore holes through it with an auger, while they are drinking beer.

The Commission appointed by the President to investigate the condition of the Pacific Railroad, are unable to agree. The majority report will be against the acceptance of the road.

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Later from Mexico and Honduras.

Prospects of the Republican Cause.

Cubans Ask for the Abolition of Slavery.

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New York, Oct. 17.—Advices from Mexico and the neighboring colony of British Honduras (taken with intelligence of a very important character).

From Belize we learn, in the shape of official correspondence, that the English Government has been requested to extend the boundary of the colony to the Gulf of Mexico, by the British Minister in the City of Mexico, who declares that Mexico has no claim whatever in any portion of the territory, and to this Secretary of State, on behalf of the Government, acquiesces.

The doubtful policy of Napoleon toward Maximilian and the reported efforts of the United States Government to uphold the Monroe doctrine, have induced the submission of the Mexican people to the United States. The Mexican people are decidedly determined, and considerable mercantile confusion exists in and around the city in consequence of the reports of the intention of the United States.

It is said that Maximilian has forwarded five millions of dollars to Washington in order to influence Congress in favor of his recognition by the Government.

Newspapers in the Imperialist republic publish glowing accounts of the prospects and resources of the empire. They claim that the country has eight and a quarter million of inhabitants, and its agricultural and mineral resources are of the most extensive. They also claim that the country has a large number of rebels from the United States, and that the country has a large number of rebels from the United States.

Additional troops had arrived in Mexico from France.

Trade, at the latest advices, was very dull at Belize, Honduras, and those places. No American vessels at port.

The planters of Cuba have addressed a memorial to the United States Government, in which they ask for the abolition of slavery in the island.

New York, Oct. 17.—A very interesting case, in which the bonds of the J. D. Davis Company, were yesterday before Judge Ingraham, in the United States Circuit Court, when the rebellion broke out. Geo. W. Gooch, the defendant in the case, according to the statements made, was in Texas, as agent of the late Broadway dry goods house of Lums, Blye & Co., introduced with the collection of \$171,000, due them from Texas merchants.

A short time since Mr. Gooch returned to this city, and at the instance of the plaintiffs, was arrested on a writ of habeas corpus of \$25,000, on the charge of misappropriation of the funds of the firm.

The proceedings yesterday were in connection with a motion for a writ of habeas corpus. There was considerable argument of the counsel over the question whether the rebel bonds turned over to the credit of his employers by Mr. Gooch, were to be considered as his property, or as the property of the firm.

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